

# **Indian Lake Shores Fire District Council Meeting**

## **Emergency Meeting**

**August 27, 2009**

**Present: President Pat Giarrusso, Treasurer Art Novsam, Secretary Penney Hanson, Council Members Kevin Donohue, Pat Giarrusso Sr, Janet Gould, Jeff Hanson, Jean Larson, Paul Lombardi, Tom Quinn, Karla Steele and HiroUchida. ILSFD Property owners Stuart Westin, Valerie Jordan, Pam McNeil, Rob Sousa and Steve & Patti Easterbrooks. Burt Reed, from next to the boat launch and EREHWON representative Howie Goldsmith, property owners from outside of ILSFD joined the meeting at 8pm.**

**President Giarrusso called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.**

**The reason for the emergency meeting was in response to Burt Reeds request that his family be allowed to use ILSFD properties.**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**Tax bills had been sent out.**

### **Secretary's Report:**

**1) The minutes for the March 2009, requesting a letter be sent to non-residents using ILSFD property and the letter sent were distributed.**

**2) The reasons for writing the letter were:**

- a. Liability**
- b. Crowding**
- c. Violation of the Rules and Regulations of ILSFD**

**3) Repercussions of the letters were discussed.**

**a. Burt Reed wrote ILSFD wanting permission to continue using the facilities. He had also presented his concerns to the Union Fire District, canvassed ILSFD and EREHWON residents to rally to his defense. Mr. Reed requested:**

- i. Boundaries be changed to allow his property into ILSFD**
  - ii. His family be allowed to pay ILSFD so his family can use the facilities and properties.**
  - iii. Waiver issued to give his family permission.**
- b. ILSFD also received letters from other abutting residents who had received the correspondence.**

**A discussion ensued searching for common ground so that ILSFD could accommodate his request without going against the by-laws of the Fire District on the covenant with the Charter granted ILSFD by the RI Senate. It was agreed that ILSFD would not investigate changing its boundaries; it is not a beach club and therefore cannot grant membership without the possibility of violating its Charter.**

**At shortly before 8PM Burt Reed arrived with Rob Sousa, Steve & Patti Easterbrooks and Howie Goldsmith. A loud and contentious discussion followed. Mr. Goldsmith complained that the residents of ILSFD walk down his road which he is considering closing after the**

letter excluding non-residents from ILSFD properties. ILSFD residents Steve Easterbrooks and Rob Sousa did not want their friend barred from using the ILSFD properties. Mr. Easterbrooks stated his belief that people should not be denied use of either the ILSFD properties or EREHWON properties. He further stated that everyone should be allowed to use all common properties, everywhere. He loudly proclaimed, repeatedly, "Let everybody in!"

Property owners and counsel members pointed out that those living near these common areas are often bothered by noise and misbehavior of the people, most often children, using these properties. To increase the numbers arbitrarily was unfair to these residents and a liability to the ILSFD. A reminder was issued to call 1-800-RICHILD if young children were seen, or believed to be, unattended.

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ILSFD counsel members explained and reiterated that:

- 1) The properties are for the use of residents only and those residents must obey the bylaws or they can be barred from the properties.
- 2) The ILSFD is bound by the Warranty Covenants and Articles of Incorporation established in 1946 with the State of RI and bylaws voted on and approved by the ILSFD Residents at their Annual Meetings.
- 3) ILSFD is responsible to its residents therefore cannot act without the motions presented and approved at the Annual Meetings.

**It was suggested that the residents and/or abutters present their proposals at next year's ILSFD annual meeting. In the meantime Tom Quinn will host the Reed & Gee families, allowing them to be his guests, for the remainder of this year. Mr. Reed assured the ILSFD Council that he will abide by the by-laws and not tell his renters that they may use the properties. If there are any problems Burt Reed requested he be contacted at: 788-9593 (Home), 845-0840 (Work) or 258-5606 (Cell).**

**The meeting was adjourned at 905PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Penney Eustis Hanson  
ILSFD Secretary**